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(U) District of Columbia – White House Plans to Accept at Least 110,000 Refugees in 2017

(U) Washington – The Obama administration plans to accept at least 110,000 refugees from around the world in fiscal year 2017. Secretary of State John F. Kerry briefed lawmakers yesterday on the new goal, which is an increase from 85,000 in fiscal year 2016, and 70,000 in the previous three years. It represents a 57 percent increase in refugee arrivals since 2015, as ongoing conflicts in Syria, Iraq and elsewhere has spurred an exodus of migrants seeking asylum in Europe, Canada and other regions. SOURCE: 14 September 2016, The Washington Post

(U) Florida – Zika Outbreak Total up to 70

(U) Miami – The ongoing outbreak of locally transmitted Zika virus continues with six new cases reported yesterday. These new cases bring the total number of people infected with locally transmitted Zika virus in southern Florida to 70. This outbreak first reported in July is the first time the virus has spread via mosquitoes in the continental US. The Florida Department of Health officials said they still believe there are only two small areas in the southern part of the state where Zika transmission is ongoing. Those locations in the Wynwood neighborhood in northern Miami and in the town of Miami Beach are currently being sprayed with insecticide in order to diminish the population of the Aedes aegypti mosquitoes that spread the Zika virus.

SOURCE: 13 September 2016, ABC News

(U) Georgia – Cyber Attack at Augusta University

(U) Augusta – Employees and students at Augusta University were instructed to change their passwords after a number of faculty members and staff fell for a phishing scam last week. The attacker attempted to access the payroll system. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is involved in the investigation, enlisting the help of the Computer Crimes Unit out of Atlanta. The state agency is actively trying to get more cyber investigators in offices across the state because cybercrimes are increasing, and often going unnoticed.

SOURCE: 13 September 2016, WRDW 12

(U) North Dakota - Oil Agency Hit by Ransomware

(U) Bismarck – The Department of Mineral Resources was hit by a ransom-ware attack that occurred on 1 September, when an employee opened a personal Gmail account at work and allowed malignant software into the department's servers. The software encrypted the department's data and demanded a "ransom" payment of around \$300 per file to have it restored. The department has all of its data backed up and was able to restore computer-based information without too much interruption. SOURCE: 12 September 2016, The Bismarck Tribune

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(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Canada - Russian Hackers Leak US Star Athletes Medical Information

(U) Montreal – Russian computer hackers penetrated the World Anti-Doping Agency's athlete database and publicly revealed private medical information about three of the United States' most famous athletes. The hackers published documents this week showing three athletes received medical exemptions to use banned drugs. The antidoping agency confirmed the authenticity of the documents in a statement yesterday, attributing the hack to a Russian cyberespionage group called Tsar Team, also known as Fancy Bear.

SOURCE: 13 September 2016, The New York Times

(U) France - France Arrests Minor in Counterterrorism Raid

(U) Paris – French counterterrorism police arrested a 15-year old boy today following two recent thwarted attacks on French soil, an official said. The unnamed boy has links to jihadi Rachid Kassim, who officials say is a French Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) member tied to at least four plots to attack France since June. Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said that t arrest of the boy was part of French authorities' efforts to target people vulnerable to "calls to carry out killings, led by a certain number of actors in Syria."

SOURCE: 14 September 2016, Associated Press

(U) Germany – Germany Deploys Troops to Fight ISIL Arms Smuggling

(U) Berlin – The German cabinet gave the green light today to send up to 650 troops to join a new NATO mission to combat arms smuggling by ISIL in the Mediterranean Sea. The German involvement in NATO's operation Sea Guardian will last until the end of 2017. In exceptional emergencies, it will be possible to temporarily increase the number of German soldiers involved in the mission.

SOURCE: 14 September 2016, Reuters

(U) Kenya - ISIL Behind Attack by Robed Women

(U) Mombasa – ISIL supporters carried out an attack on Kenya's port city of Mombasa in which three robed women tricked their way into a police station, stabbed an officer and set fire to the building, the group's Amaq news agency said yesterday. Militant attacks, mostly claimed by al Shabaab militants from neighboring Somalia, have increased in recent years in Kenya, which has a large Muslim population concentrated mostly along its Indian Ocean coast. But police said in May they had arrested militants linked to Islamic State, a group which has seized areas of Iraq and Syria and inspired offshoot groups in the Middle East and Africa.

SOURCE: 13 September 2016, Reuters

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